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No, we don't want this. We object the Atlantic Coast Pipeline. No to more trees being cut. No to individuals' property being taken. No, we don't need more money. We don't want to be bought out! We don't want to be run over by whatever big companies and big money is behind this one.

We don't want the beautiful state of NC to be fracked. We don't want it to be polluted with oil and gas etc. Let's choose other sources of energy. Let's move forward rather than backward.

### Over widespread opposition, DEQ approves key water quality permit for Atlantic Coast Pipeline

The backlash against the pipeline was instantaneous. Hope Taylor, executive director of Clean Water for North Carolina called the approval a "moral outrage." Therese Vick of the Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League, said the ACP is "an environmental atrocity." Amy Adams, a former state water quality regulator now working with advocacy group Appalachian Voices, pointed out, "It will be impossible for the agency to do all of the monitoring and enforcement to prevent widespread damage, and they know it."

**Progressive Pulse, Jan 26**

### Workers to Start Clearing Trees for Atlantic Coast Pipeline Project

The company will begin "limited tree felling and vegetation clearing" this week, according to a statement released Monday by Aaron Ruby, a Dominion Energy spokesman. "We will only be working where we've reached easement agreements with landowners, who will receive advance notice before we begin work on their properties."

**The Fayetteville Observer Jan 29**

### Experts debate legality of Cooper's pipeline deal.

Former N.C. House Majority Leader Paul "Skip" Stam, a Wake County attorney in private practice, says the deal violates the state constitution and would take away the rights of North Carolinians to challenge terms of the agreement in court. In contrast, Gerry Cohen, the General Assembly's former special counsel, said the agreement seems unusual because it didn't go through normal budget channels. But Cohen thinks it could survive a possible legal challenge.

**Bladen Journal, Jan 30**

### Another Legal Challenge Filed Over Atlantic Coast Pipeline

A coalition of conservation groups has gone to court to challenge federal regulators' decision to approve the proposed Atlantic Coast Pipeline. The groups announced Tuesday that they had filed a petition with the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond contesting the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's decision to permit the approximately 600-mile natural gas pipeline.

**Associated Press, Jan 30**

### Opponents 'switch gears' as pipeline construction nears

"I think we all realize that this is all but a done deal," one opponent from Rockbridge County said, speaking on the condition that his name not be used. "Right now our best bet is to switch gears in a way to more of an oversight role. We are going to watch this thing through every step of construction." Indeed, the pipeline cleared two more bureaucratic hurdles just last week, gaining an erosion and sediment permit from the WV Department of Environmental Protection, and water quality certification from the NC Department of Environmental Quality.

**The News Virginian, Jan 28**

This is very sad indeed. Why aren't you listening to NC residents??????

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